

METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING MEDIA FROM REMOTE LOCATIONS TO A VIEWER

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

One embodiment of the present invention enables a user to utilize a
personalized video recorder (PVR) to order and receive specific television shows that
10 are unavailable from his or her television content provider. Specifically, the PVR is
coupled to the Internet such that it can receive an electronic programming guide (EPG)
containing worldwide television programming from an EPG server computer. The PVR
user utilizes the EPG to request delivery of a specific television show that is typically
unavailable to him or her. Upon reception of the request, the EPG server computer
15 locates via the Internet a PVR situated within a broadcast region of the requested
television show. Next, the EPG server computer programs the PVR to record the
requested television show when it is broadcast. Once the PVR records the television
show, it is transmitted to the EPG server computer which transmits it to the requesting
PVR.